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Full participation by the European Community in the Commission on Sustainable Development

The Economic and Social Council adopts the following modalities for full participation by the European Community in the Commission on Sustainable Development:

(a) The European Community, while not being a member of the Commission on Sustainable Development, shall be entitled to participate fully, within its areas of competence, in the work of the Commission or any subsidiary body thereof, in accordance with the present decision. Such full participation shall include the right to speak and the right of reply as well as the right to introduce proposals and amendments. Such full participation shall also include the right to raise as a point of order the fact that consultations are continuing among the Community and its member States on a matter on which a final decision is about to be made and for which the Community is the representative on the Commission in accordance with the present decision, provided that the right to raise this point of order shall not include the right to challenge the decision of the chairman in response to this point of order. The Community shall not have the right to vote but may submit proposals that shall be put to the vote if any member of the Commission so requests. The participation of the representatives of the Community in the Commission shall in no case entail an increase in the representation to which the member States of the Community would otherwise be entitled;

(b) Similar arrangements would apply, upon approval by the Council, to any other regional or subregional economic integration organization to which its member States have transferred competence over a range of matters within the

purview of the Commission on Sustainable Development, including the authority to make decisions binding on its member States in respect of these matters;

(c) A footnote shall be added to rule 74 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council (E/5975/Rev.1) that would read: "The participation of the European Community and other regional and subregional economic integration organizations in the Commission is governed by Economic and Social Council decision 1994/___".